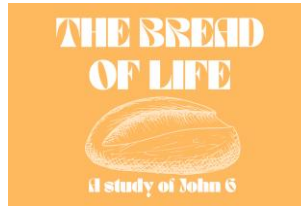


# DISCIPLE'S QUEST

*If you continue in My word, then you are  
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



**May 5, 2024**

**The Bread of Life Part 1**

**The Feeding of the Thousands**

**John 6:1-15**

## **Main Idea:**

At the zenith of His popularity, Jesus ministered to a crowd of several thousand people on the northeast side of the Sea of Galilee. After spending the day teaching the many who were present about the Kingdom of God and healing the sick (Luke 9:11), Jesus performed His single most witnessed miracle. With evening approaching, He fed the entire multitude, beginning with only five barley cakes and two fish. His creation of the food was a demonstration of His own divine power, and provided irrefutable proof of His identity as eternal and the Son in human flesh. And yet, the crowd refused to believe, and desired instead to seize Him by force and make Him a king after their own liking. Jesus did not permit this, but instead withdrew, for a time, by Himself alone.

## **Outline:**

1. The Context
2. The Crowd
3. The Apparent Crisis
4. The Creation
5. The Tragic Conclusion

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 Do you think it is important for believers to read and study the gospel record often?

Why?

#2 According to the message, what circumstances made the period of time recorded in John 6 seemingly potentially dangerous for Jesus?

#3 Jesus sailed across the lake with the twelve to find some respite from the continual hectic demands of ministry. How did the giant crowd get there?

What motivated them to take such desperate action?

Do people sometimes still seek Jesus today for the wrong reasons?

#4 Who is Jesus anyway?

How do you know from John 6:1-15? Which of His divine attributes are on display, and where in the text?

#5 As a believer, how does this occasion serve to inform and inspire your worship?